New Source Performance Standards for Electric Utility Boilers

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Background

- Electric Utility Boilers Regulated by 40 CFR Part 60 SubPart Da (NR 440.20)
- EPA Required to Review/Update NSPS every 8 years
- 7 States (NY, CT, ME, MA, NJ, RI, WA) intending to sue EPA to review
- Electric Utility Boilers important in facilitating attainment in SE Wisconsin

What's at stake

- NSR review process rely on NSPS as baseline in BACT review
- Changes to NSR make NSPS review more crucial
- NSPS not reflective of current BACT
- Attainment of ozone standards improbable without NSR and current NSPS (NOx)
- SO2 and PM important health standards

NSPS BACT comparison

Pollutant	NSPS	BACT	Difference
	(lb/MBtu)	(lb/MBtu)	(500 Mbtu/Hr
			Unit)
NOx	0.50	0.01	1073 TPY
PM	0.03	0.011	41.61 TPY
SO2	0.60	0.15	985.5 TPY

What's Next

- Wisconsin deciding whether to join 7 states in their lawsuit over standard
- CAATF Briefing 3/13/2003
- Sec. Hassett briefing NRB 3/26/2003
- Governor must authorize Attorney General to file suit
- CO2 inclusion in NSPS being requested by 7 states